

Phi Sigma Phi Case History (Since 2015)

Phi Sigma Phi Fraternity has been at CMU since the Fall of 1995. The national organization was established in 1988. It is a very small national fraternity (11 chapters currently listed on their website), although it has a fairly large presence at CMU (At the end of the Spring 2018 semester there were 50 members). Mt. Pleasant Police had received a number of complaints about the group when they had a house north of campus. At some point that house was in such poor condition, the chapter had to find a new home, and they were eventually able to move to the clubhouse at Deerfield Apartments south of the CMU campus and in Union Township (This location had been vacated after Lambda Chi Alpha was suspended by the University).

Over the history of the fraternity at CMU, there were numerous rumors and accusations of sexual assaults, and people being drugged at Phi Sigma Phi social events. Nothing came from these accusations and rumors, because no one was ever willing to be a witness/complainant and proceed with filling an official report. It is assumed they were concerned about retaliation from Phi Sigma Phi.

What follows is a list of the fourteen incidents involving Phi Sigma Phi from 2015 to the present. Fourteen incidents are more than three times as many incidents as any other Greek RSO still in good standing at CMU.

1. [REDACTED], 2015 - Isabella County Sheriff – Nuisance Party Phi Sigma Phi Fraternity House – over 200 people. One Phi Sigma Phi member arrested and suspended from CMU for breaking the finger of a Sheriff's Deputy and attending a Nuisance Party. Two other Members of Phi Sigma Phi were issued tickets for Hosting a Nuisance Party. Three other members of Phi Sigma Phi were mentioned in the police report. Incidentally, one of the other members of Phi Sigma Phi has just been arrested on the charge of murdering his father.
Case Closed; focus of investigation was on door slammer, not the chapter.
2. [REDACTED], 2015 - Phi Sigma Phi fraternity was caught by CMU Police for using a counterfeit tailgate parking pass/sound system permit at a CMU football game. This case was handled by SAI.
3. [REDACTED], 2015 - Student assaulted at the Phi Sigma Phi "B" house 1004 S. Main. Dad reported to the CMU President's Office. Student said he and a friend were allowed into the party. They got beat up in the house and thrown out. Student requested no action by the police or by Student Conduct.
Case Closed per student request.
4. [REDACTED] – [REDACTED] 2015 - SAI concerned that eleven students dropped out of Phi Sigma Phi during the recruitment process. This is not normal.
Case closed as there was no communication with the students.

5. [REDACTED] 2016 - Sexual Assault reported at the Phi Sigma Phi house. State Police responded. This was the night of the [REDACTED] vs. CMU football game. There was a tailgate at the Phi Sigma Phi house. Phi Sigma Phi removed a member from their chapter. Other chapters there included: Sigma Pi fraternity, Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. OCRIE Case.
6. [REDACTED], 2017 - Two CMU students attended a fraternity party at Phi Sigma Phi. One woman did not drink anything as she did not trust the alcohol at the party. The other CMU student drank two Smirnoff Ice, wine, and some shots. This student was transported to McLaren of Central Michigan, and the CMU Police officer requested a toxicology screen be run. According to the notes, the student reported the toxicology report confirmed that she had a date rape drug in her system. This was an OCRIE case.
7. [REDACTED], 2017 - Phi Sigma Phi fraternity fans supporting the chapter for the IM Floor Hockey Championship were disorderly and, as a result, the chapter lost the championship. This was a Urec/SAI situation.
8. [REDACTED] 2017 – Sexual Misconduct. Two women from the Panhellenic Council Executive Board came forward and reported that Phi Sigma Phi drugs women attending their social events. These women provided names of people to talk to. Later these same women declined to talk further to OCRIE and OSC.
 - One of the five women reported she was raped by a member of Phi Sigma Phi in [REDACTED]. Later declined to meet with OCRIE or OSC. She also alleged that three other women were drugged and one went to the hospital to have her blood tested. OCRIE passed the case back to OSC. OSC attempted to follow up but closed the case due to a lack of participation from the women identified.
9. [REDACTED], 2017 - A CMU student reported a sexual encounter with a male student and his roommates (some of them were Phi Sigma Phi members). There were photos taken of the encounter. These photos were later shared amongst members of Phi Sigma Phi fraternity. [Note: this is potentially a violation of Michigan law, which prohibits disseminating photos or videos of sexual encounters without consent]. This is an active OCRIE case.
10. [REDACTED] 2018 - A sorority reported they went to Phi Sigma Phi fraternity to promote their philanthropy events while there the Phi Sigma Phi members made animal noises (Moo'ed) at the two women who were presenting. This case was not pursued because one woman's uncle is an alumnus of Phi Sigma Phi. The other student later declined to pursue a report.
Case referred to OCRIE.
11. [REDACTED], 2018 (St. Patrick's Day) – Phi Sigma Phi fraternity hosted a social event at their chapter house. The Phi Sigma Phi President was arrested for attending a nuisance party. Other chapters involved: Delta Zeta sorority, Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. 200-300 people in attendance.

Currently under investigation by OSC.

12. [REDACTED], 2018 – Phi Sigma Phi fraternity hosts an unregistered social event (Senior Sendoff) at the conclusion of this evening a member of Phi Sigma Phi died as a result of injuries sustained from falling down some stairs.

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13. [REDACTED] 2018 – A CMU student reported she was drugged at a Phi Sigma Phi party. Her sorority helped her and got her connected to a therapist. She does not want to talk about this any further.

Not reported to OCRIE, because she never reported that she was sexually assaulted.

14. [REDACTED], 2018 - A CMU student now living [REDACTED] reported to OSC that Phi Sigma Phi fraternity is a dangerous group after learning of the group's temporary suspension by CMU. She provided the following information:

- Drugs party attendees
- Rapes women
- Hazes new members
- Stay out of their basement!

This student is being pressured by her sorority president not to say anything bad about Phi Sigma Phi in their sorority Facebook group.

In addition to these reports, there are other reports prior to 2015 that are of a similar nature and show a continuing pattern of dangerous behavior. It is based on these reports that the University has determined there is significant concern that the group's activities and behaviors are dangerous and pose a credible threat to members of the CMU and greater Mount Pleasant community. To this end, the University believes that it must act, with or without the cooperation of complainants and witnesses, to permanently disband the fraternity.

Vice President Johnson, after careful consideration and consultation with the offices of Student Conduct, Student Affairs, General Counsel, Civil Rights and Institutional Equity, Student Activities and Involvement, and Sexual Aggression Services has determined that the process of removing Phi Sigma Phi should commence.